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CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A composite package for containing articles comprising:
an at least partially transparent thermoformable polymeric tray having a first side
and a second sides, said first side of said tray including an ~~plurality of~~ article holding means,
said polymeric tray including a first section and a second section joined by a flexible spine, said
flexible spine including opposing ends and a pair of hinges, said hinges and said spine allowing
the package to open and close like a book; and
a paperboard cover attached to said second side of said polymeric tray such that
said cover extends over at least a portion of said flexible spine, at least a portion of said first
section and at least a portion of said second section, said cover defining at least one cut-out, said
at least one cut-out exposing a portion of said second side of said tray to expose at least a portion
of an article contained in said tray, wherein said paperboard cover includes a peripheral edge
extending substantially beyond said opposing ends of said flexible spine.
- 2-3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 3 1, wherein a portion of said tray
other than said flexible spine extends to said peripheral edge of said paperboard cover, such that
said spine defines ~~includes a pair of opposing notches such that said spine does not extend to said~~
peripheral edge in said tray.
5. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 4, wherein said cover is
conventionally adhered to said polymeric tray at said peripheral edge of said cover with a

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conventional adhesive, said adhesive not applied to said flexible spine such that said flexible spine may buckle when the package is closed.

6. (Original) The package of claim 5 wherein said polymeric tray includes a peripheral flange, said adhesive disposed between said flange and said peripheral edge of said cover.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) The package of claim 7 further including printed graphics on the surface of said paperboard cover opposite said polymeric tray.

9. (Original) The package of claim 8 wherein said conventional adhesive is an RF seal applied through said polymeric tray.

10. (Original) The package of claim 9 wherein said article holding means are recesses in said first side of said tray, said recesses capable of enclosing an article when the package is closed.

11. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 10 wherein said tray further includes a step on one side of said flexible spine and a recess on the other side, said step engaging said recess to facilitate holding the package closed.

12. (Currently Amended) A book-like package for containing articles comprising:
a paperboard cover having an interior surface, an exterior surface, and a peripheral edge;

a thermoformable polymeric tray including a first side, a second side, and a flexible spine having opposing ends, said first side of said tray including an article holding

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means for holding an article when said package is closed, said second side attached to said interior surface of said paperboard cover, said flexible spine allowing said ~~package~~ paperboard cover and said polymeric tray to open and close conjointly like a book, said spine not extending to said peripheral edge of said paperboard cover, such that said cover extends substantially beyond said opposing ends of said spine.

13. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 12 wherein said spine ~~is comprised of~~ defines opposing notches in said tray.

14. (Currently Amended) The book-like package of claim 13, further comprising ~~one or more~~ at least one cut-outs in said paperboard cover, such that said second side of said polymeric tray is exposed through said at least one cut-out and ~~said an~~ article is visible through said tray and said at least one cut-out.

15. (Currently Amended) The book-like package of claim 14 wherein said polymeric tray includes a peripheral flange, said flange attached to said peripheral edge of said paperboard cover with a conventional adhesive.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) The package of claim ~~16~~ 15 wherein said polymeric tray includes means for latching the package closed.

18. (Original) The package of claim 17 further including printed graphics on the surface of said paperboard cover opposite said polymeric tray.

19. (Original) The package of claim 18 wherein said conventional adhesive is an RF seal applied through said polymeric tray.

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20. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 19 wherein said article holding means ~~are one or more~~ include at least one recesses defined in said first side of said tray, said at least one recesses capable of enclosing an article when the package is closed.

21. (Currently Amended) The package of claim 20 further including a cut-out in ~~at least one of~~ said at least one recesses, said cut-out facilitating removal of ~~said~~ an article from said at least one recess.

22. (Currently Amended) A book-like package for containing articles comprising:
a paperboard cover having a peripheral edge;
a polymeric tray having a spine ~~means~~ for closing the book-like package, a first side including a plurality of article holding means, and a second side rigidly attached to said paperboard cover by a conventional adhesive, at least a portion of said tray extending to said peripheral edge of said paperboard cover, said flexible spine defining a pair of opposing notches such that said spine does not extend to the peripheral edge of said paperboard cover, said adhesive not applied to said ~~flexible~~ spine such that said spine may buckle when the package is closed.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) The book-like package of claim 23 further comprising ~~one or more~~ at least one cut-outs in said paperboard cover, such that said second side of said polymeric tray is exposed through said at least one cut-out and ~~said~~ an article is visible through said tray and said at least one cut-out.

25. (Cancelled)

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26. (Original) The book-like package of claim ~~25~~ 24 wherein said polymeric tray contains a peripheral flange, said adhesive disposed between said flange and said peripheral edge of said cover.

27. (Original) The book-like package of claim 26 further including printable graphics on the surface of said paperboard cover opposite said polymeric tray.

28. (Original) The book-like package of claim 27 wherein said adhesive is an RF seal applied through said polymeric tray.

29. (Original) The book-like package of claim 28 wherein said article holding means includes a recess in said first side of said tray, said recess capable of enclosing an article when the package is closed.

30. (Currently Amended) A foldable display package comprising:
a paperboard cover defining at least one void;
a molded plastic tray having a peripheral flange and a flexible spine, said flange forming a peripheral wall, said ~~tray~~ spine not extending completely to said peripheral wall, said peripheral wall defining at least one recess, said flexible spine allowing said package to fold like a book such that said at least one recess is capable of holding an article when said package is closed, a portion of said molded plastic tray attached to said paperboard cover, said portion of said tray not including said spine; and
a hinge means on said spine allowing said spine to buckle when said package is closed.